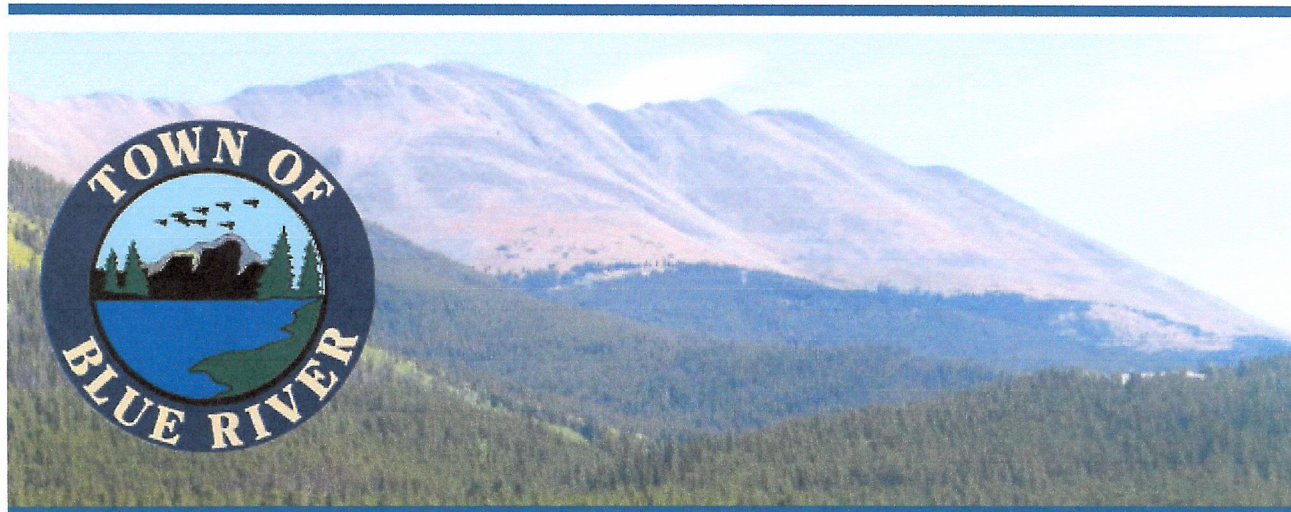


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Blue River Monthly News & Updates

Greetings!

Below is our new and improved Blue River News. We hope you enjoy it.

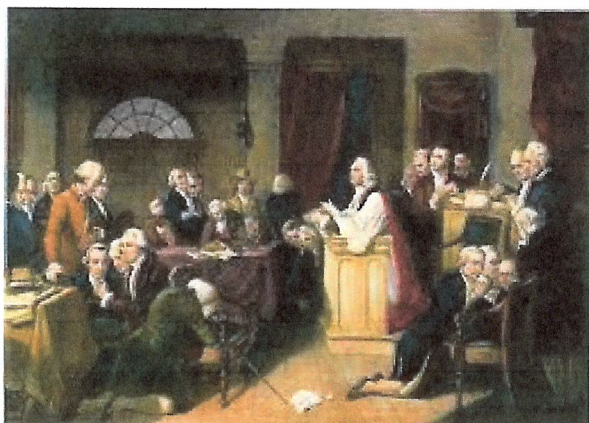
We want to hear from you! Have a concern, comment or idea? Email us at townofbluerivercolorado@yahoo.com.



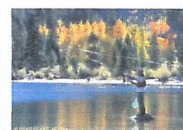
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Upcoming Meetings/Announcements

**The Goose Pasture Tarn will
be stocked for the season,**



Friday, June 10th at noon!



Planning & Zoning
Commission-Tuesday,
June 7th, 6:00 p.m.

Town Board of Trustees

Work Session, Tuesday, June 21st, 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 21st, 6:00 p.m.

Lock-offs/Accessory Apartments

The Town Board of Trustees is reviewing the zoning rules concerning lock-offs and accessory apartments. In May, the Trustees held a work session that was well attended by residents to begin reviewing all of the information and options. A presentation on the subject was made by Dominic Mauriello, hired by the Town to review the zoning code. Additionally, the Town has received feedback from residents presenting the many views of the issue.

The Town has also asked residents to participate in an online survey. The survey results to date are below. The survey will remain open until June 21st. Please take time to fill out the survey and provide feedback. Please also watch for additional surveys and feel free to contact the town at townofbluerivercolorado@yahoo.com to provide your feed back.

103 responses received

1. Are you aware of the current laws regarding short/long-term rentals?

73% Yes 27% No

2. Do you support the ability of people in your neighborhood to rent part of their homes on a long-term basis?

80.41% Yes 19.59% No

3. Would you be willing to consider short-term/long-term lock-offs or accessory apartments with regulation?

74.49% Yes 25.51% No



Mayor's Corner

Hello Blue River!

Welcome to Spring and construction season! Your Board of Trustees has been busy over the last 60 days since election!

I'd like to bring everyone up to date on some of the major topics the Trustees have been focused on and where we are going in the short and longer term picture.

We are very pleased to announce that , the Board has established a "Community Engagement Program" This effort was humbly initiated by Mayor Pro Tem, Toby Babich when he refused his salary. He preferred it be used to assist community members on an as needed basis. This program will be firmed up shortly as guidelines for the usage of this fund are determined.

Tyler Brook has stepped up to fill the shoes, or boots as the case may have it, as road manager. He is backed up by the ever vigilant Dan Cleary. Thanks to both of you gentlemen! Very likely you may see Tyler out in some run off area with a shovel and pick clearing another ditch or channeling the water away from a home in danger. Thank you Tyler!

Michelle, our Town Administrator, has been doing a great job reining in her new Trustees and driving our community out reach program. Stop by and say hi to her some time....I know she'd love to see our residents.

Sherwood Forest and Starlit road and drainage project: This is one of the bigger projects that was identified and

4. Do you have a lock-off or accessory apartment currently?

20% Yes 80% No

5. Do you currently rent your home as a whole either short-term or long-term?

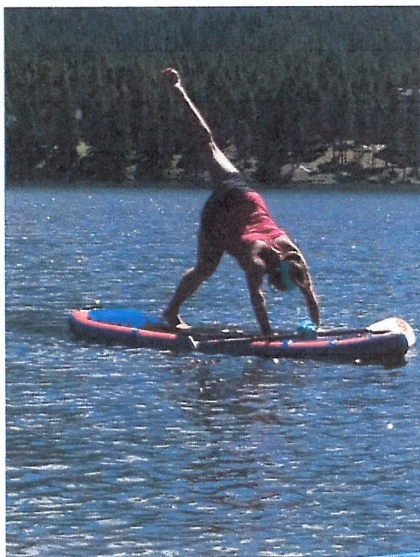
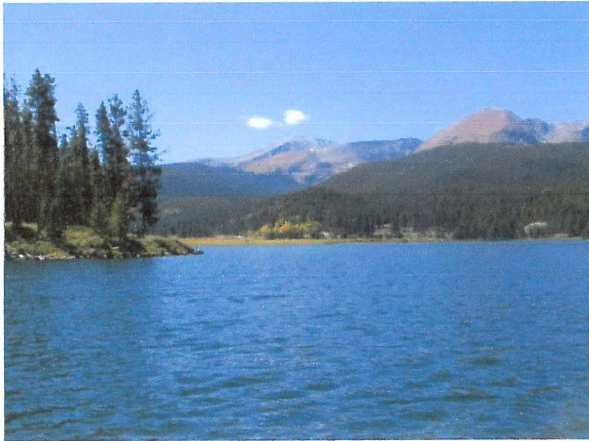
21% Yes 79% No

6. Do you feel that the flexibility to rent long-term or short-term fulfills a community need?

80% Yes 20% No

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M5393TJ>

Welcome Summer!



approved by the former Board. Considerable time and expense was invested in this project but without local resident input. We were very pleased that several of our long term locals reached out to us requesting the ability to input on this project. We did hold a neighborhood meeting and through the efforts of the community and our engineering firm we opted to slow down the process, look at alternatives and work toward a solution that will address everyone's concerns. We may still be able to get this project done before next winter if we can address a few hanging questions.

The accessory unit / lock off question is very high on our radar. We hope to resolve this as quickly as possible.

The Blue River codes require clarification and careful consideration. The recent community survey sent out to residents generally indicated that approximately 75% of the residents felt we should attempt to work with accommodating accessory units. Approximately 25% felt we should not allow any accessory usage. There will be another survey sent out very shortly. The more input we have the better. We will be discussing this at the upcoming meeting on June 21st and it will likely again be on the agenda for July.

Other topics that we are working on related to the accessory units include; parking concerns, trash and noise. Regardless of usage, everyone is entitled to quiet enjoyment of their property.

Please be advised, that regardless of any code modification made by the Town of Blue River, residents will still need to comply with State of Colorado regulations regarding obtaining proper well permits and septic and leach field systems must meet State requirements.

Town Clean Up Day is upon us June 25th. Please help us keep Blue River the place we call home. Please use the roll off dumpsters at Town Hall to get rid of that unwanted "stuff" from your yard or garage. This a great opportunity to gain some space!

The Town Hall Expansion was another project left in process from the former Board. The Trustees, have carefully reviewed the need for a project of this size and scope. After careful consideration of needs, the design / layout, the cost and overall scope, we opted to scale back the project. The project will be rebid based on the new design. We expect to see considerable savings from the



initial design. The new design will allow for future expansion should the need arise in the future. We hope to start this project in the near future.

Other items we will be addressing in the coming months will include; review current leash law, Board Retreat to focus on financials and planning accordingly for community driven needs and typical maintenance and upkeep items.

I look forward to meeting more of our community as time move forward. Please attend our meetings on the 3rd. Tuesday of each month. We'd love to see you there.

Enjoy your summer,

Mitchell Weiss, Mayor



Town Cleanup Day! June 25th

Come out and help spruce up Blue River.

On Saturday, June 25th

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Garbage bags, coffee, juice and donuts will be provided.

Bring the family out to clean up along the highway, lake, park or just along the roads in your neighborhood.

A single dumpster will be set up at Blue River Town Hall to bring items. Once filled, it will be locked off and no further dumping will be allowed. A separate container will be provided to drop off garbage bags from road cleanup.

This is for Blue River Residents ONLY!

Items NOT Allowed For Dumping
Paint, Tires, Batteries, Liquids, Fuels,
Oils, Refrigerators
Propane Tanks, E-Waste





Goose Pasture Tarn & Permits

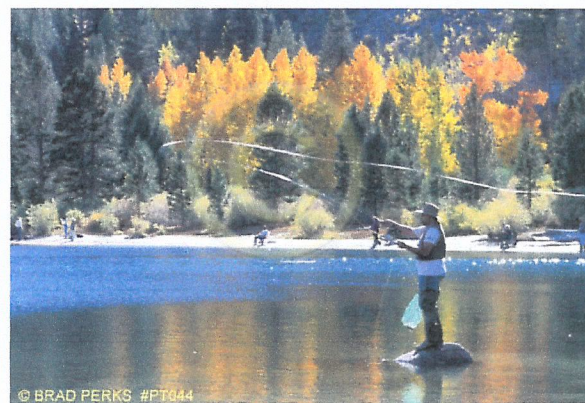
The Goose Pasture Tarn is open for the season and will be stocked June 10th. As the temperatures rise, the ice on the Tarn will begin to thaw. The Tarn is currently CLOSED to ALL access including the wetlands while work is performed on the spillway, but it's never too early to think about summer fishing and boating. The Tarn is for use by Blue River Residents ONLY! Guest may use the Tarn only when accompanied by the owner. Tenants leasing a property in Blue River long-term (60 days or more), may have recreational rights on the Tarn provided that the property owner assigns the rights at the time the lease is executed. Homeowners renting their properties long-term, may obtain a Goose Pasture Tarn Resident Assignment of Rights form from the Town website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver. Forms must be filled out by the homeowner providing a copy of the lease listing all tenants of the property and lease expiration dates. Forms may be dropped off at Town Hall or emailed to

townofbluerivercolorado@yahoo.com. Once information is received, renters will be issued a renter parking permit for use at the Tarn. Two stickers per property will be issued. Visitors renting less than 60 days are not permitted use of the Tarn.

Boat permits are required for all boats, kayaks, paddle boards or other floatation devices. The new 2016 Boat Permits are available at Town Hall for \$20.00. Town Hall is open 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

2016 Homeowner/Resident car permits for the Tarn are also now available. Each property may receive up to two permits. Guests of homeowners may utilize the Tarn when accompanied by the homeowner.

Additional Goose Pasture Tarn Rules & Regulations



bona fide residents of the Town for use of the Tarn are hereby set at twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year.

(3) All boats shall be subject to an annual personal safety inspection and shall be approved by the Lake Patrol Officer or Town Marshal before any boat shall receive its decal or be placed upon the Tarn. A fee will be charged for said decal.

(4) Boats placed in the Tarn shall be limited in power to the use of an electric motor to be used solely for the purpose of trolling. No internal combustion engines shall be allowed in order to limit boat size, speed of crafts and environmental damage to the Tarn by such engines.

(5) Boats shall not be stored overnight at the Tarn.

(6) Personal watercraft of all kinds, including sailboards and paddle boards, are permitted on the Tarn, provided that identification decals have been affixed to them. A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per day, not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year, shall be charged.

(e) Issuance of boat decals. The issuance of boat decals and any other identification required by this Chapter shall be by the Lake Patrol Officer or the Town Clerk, who have been authorized and so designated by the Board of Trustees.

(Prior code 4-3-3; Ord. 07-03 §1, 2007; Ord. 11-05 §1, 2011; Ord. 13-07 §1, 2013)

Sec. 11-3-40. Rules and regulations for the Tarn.

(a) Spillway area. Fishing or trespassing within forty-five (45) feet of the improved concrete portion of the spillway of the Tarn is absolutely prohibited and unlawful. Violation of this Subsection shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense.

(b) Ice fishing. Ice fishing by owners, guests and tenants shall be permitted on the Tarn as provided in Subsections 11-3-30(a), (b) and (c).

(c) Snowmobiles, cross-country skiing, etc.

State laws adopted.

All state laws and rules and regulations of the Colorado Department of Fish, Game and Parks shall apply to fishing, boating and sailing on the Tarn, and the same are hereby adopted into this Chapter by reference as they are presently enacted and hereafter amended. For these purposes, a violation of any such state law shall be deemed a violation of this Chapter and subject to enforcement by any person authorized to enforce this Chapter. Any conflict between this Chapter and any state law or regulation shall be resolved in favor of that provision or law which is more restrictive of the conduct to be controlled.

Sec. 11-3-30. Use restrictions; identification.

(a) Use by property owners. Use of the Tarn shall be limited to property owners with proper identification, except for duly authorized guests or tenants as further outlined below. Parents and/or children and their respective spouses and/or grandchildren of property owners residing full time on the property shall enjoy the same Tarn recreational rights as owners, excluding guest privileges.

(b) Use by guests:

(1) Guests of owners may use the Tarn only when accompanied by the owner.

(2) Owners shall be held responsible for all actions of their guests and for any violations of this Chapter as if such violation had actually been committed by the owner himself or herself.

(c) Use by tenants.

(1) Tenants of owners shall generally have no privileges on the Tarn, except as otherwise provided herein.

(2) Tenant is defined as a party leasing a Town property for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days or longer. A tenant may have recreational rights on the Tarn, provided that the property owner assigns the rights at the time the lease is executed. The Town shall provide appropriate forms for registration of such assignments and will maintain a file of tenants with assigned rights for enforcement purposes.

(d) Boat use.

(1) Boats without identification decals shall not be permitted on the Tarn.

(2) To ascertain that boats used on the Tarn belong to property owners, identification decals will be issued only upon receipt of an adequate description of the boat and a statement of its size and power. The boat registration fees charged to

Snowmobiles or other snow or all-terrain vehicles and cross-country skiing are strictly forbidden on the Tarn.

(d) Open fires¹. Open fires are prohibited at all times and in all areas adjacent to the Tarn.

(e) Animals. Dogs and all other pets and animals shall not be required to be under control by a tether or leash but shall be under voice control in all areas on and adjacent to the Tarn.

(f) Hunting prohibited. Hunting of any kind is prohibited on the Tarn and any surrounding lands owned by the Town or the Town of Breckenridge.

(g) Water recreation. Bathing is prohibited on the Tarn.

(h) Commercial use. Any use of the Tarn for commercial purposes is prohibited.

(i) Limit on fish. The daily bag limit is three (3) fish, of which only one (1) may exceed twenty (20) inches in length. The daily possession limit is three (3) fish.

(j) Limit on hooks. Only single-bait hooks, single-hook flies and single-hook lures may be used for fishing in the Tarn.

(k) Overnight parking, between one-half (½) hour after sunset and one-half (½) hour before sunrise, is prohibited.

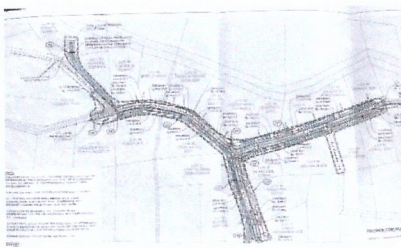
(l) Glass containers in the Tarn area are prohibited.

(m) Littering of the Tarn area by the depositing of paper or plastic products, wood, leftover food, clothing, fishing gear, fish, junk or trash of any kind is prohibited, and "pack-it-in and pack-it-out" is required.

(n) Boat docks. Licensing of the construction of boat docks shall be permitted by a licensing agreement which shall incorporate the Rules and Regulations for Boat Docks established by Resolution No. 13-05, adopted July 16, 2013, as from time to time amended.



Red, White & Blue Fire District Annual Report



Sherwood Forest Road Project

On May 19th, the Town hosted an informational meeting with the Sherwood Forest subdivision to discuss and review the upcoming planned road work. After the meeting, the Trustees decided to delay the planned work until more input could be gathered to address the concerns of the affected neighbors. Columbine Hills Concrete has been awarded the bid and the hope to have the proposed project completed yet this year.

The planned project design is to address ongoing drainage issues and to make the road safer for those living in the area. Additional meetings will be held for the Sherwood Forest neighborhood.

Please sign up for our email list and follow the progress on our website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.



Bears & Trash

The bears are awake and hungry! It is important that you take precautions to avoid a bear encounter.

Never Feed Bears!

It's illegal and you will be fined. You are responsible for doing all you can to prevent conflicts with bears. If a bear gets food from you, it's like to behave more aggressively toward the next person it meets. **DON'T REWARD A BEAR FOR ASSOCIATING WITH PEOPLE!**

Store Garbage Properly!

Keep garbage in a clean, locked bear-proof container and building. **DO NOT PUT TRASH OUTSIDE UNTIL DAY OF PICK UP!** Don't contribute to resident bears

Fine Schedule

1st Offense-\$50

2nd Offense-\$250

Subsequent Offense within 18 months-\$300

becoming "Garbage" Bears! A mama and two cubs were killed on Hwy 9 in 2015 while crossing the highway to get food from containers left outside.

Blue River Town Code 7-6-130 Residential refuse disposal: Residents unable to keep their refuse container inside the home, garage, building or shed shall store their refuse in a wildlife resistant refuse container enclosure approved by the Town Marshal. All containers that receive refuse edible by wildlife must be secured inside the home, garage, building or shed. Finally, any refuse container enclosure shall be attached to an existing structure, which structure must first be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Residents, tenants, renters, lessors or occupiers of property within the Town with curbside pickup shall place their refuse containers at the curb only on the day of pickup. After pickup, the containers must be re-secured inside the home, garage, building or shed by 6:00 p.m. Please see fine schedule on page 8.

Remove attractions!

Like pet food, seed and liquid bird feeders, spilled birdseed, barbecue grills and compost piles. Clean up areas where food has been spilled. Keep pets inside your home or in an enclosed kennel at night. Bears will continue to return to the area until attractants have been cleaned up and/or removed.

Supervise Children!

Black bears are active both day and night, and have a keen sense of smell. Eating food outside and wearing clothes soiled with food will attract bears. Bears learn quickly that food is often associated with human activity. Instruct your children on what to do if they encounter a bear!

Bears Can Only Be Moved Once!

A second capture means the bear must be killed. Capturing and moving will not correct the bear's behavior. In all likelihood, another bear will move in and develop the same problem behavior if the attractants are not eliminated. Learn to live responsibly with wildlife. Remember, a trash or handout bear is a dead bear!

The Division of Wildlife has a free brochure called "Living with Wildlife...in Bear Country," which provides useful information about bears. Also the DOW has information on companies that manufacture bear-proof trashcans. Call your Division of Wildlife at 970-725-6200

Please share this information with all your guests and visitors!



Building Permits

In the Town of Blue River, permits are needed for a variety of items. These include: building permits; staining and re-staining; sheds; landscaping; roofs; interior construction; electrical; and tree removal to name a few.

Applications are available at Town Hall and online. BEFORE doing any construction or improvements to your home and property check to make sure whether or not a permit is required. In many cases approval is also necessary from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Fees for permits vary based on work being performed.

In addition to permits, any contractor working on your property in the Town of Blue River is required to obtain a Business License. The fee is \$50/year.

Blue River's Leash Law

Pets are a very important part of our life here in Blue River. With that comes the responsibility of keeping both pets and people safe. The Town of Blue River does have a strict leash law in place. It is unlawful for pets to be off leash and not in physical control of the owner. The leash law was enacted for the safety of residents, visitors and other pets. Please be sure to keep all pets on a leash within the town.

The Town Marshal is patrolling the Town. Violators will receive a warning or a fine. If you find a pet out without a leash, we ask that you contact our Town Hall at 970-547-0545. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our animals and neighbors safe.



Fine Schedule

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2nd Offense-\$100

Subsequent Offense within 18 months-\$200

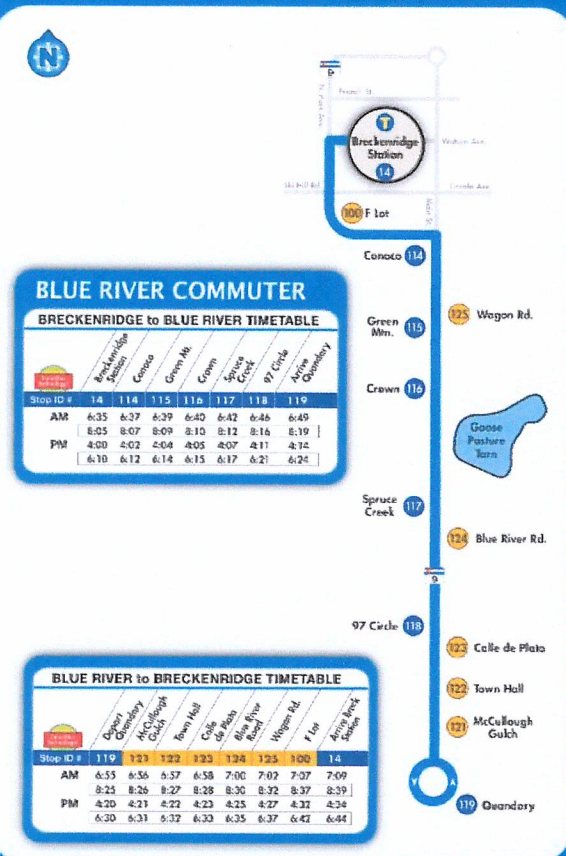
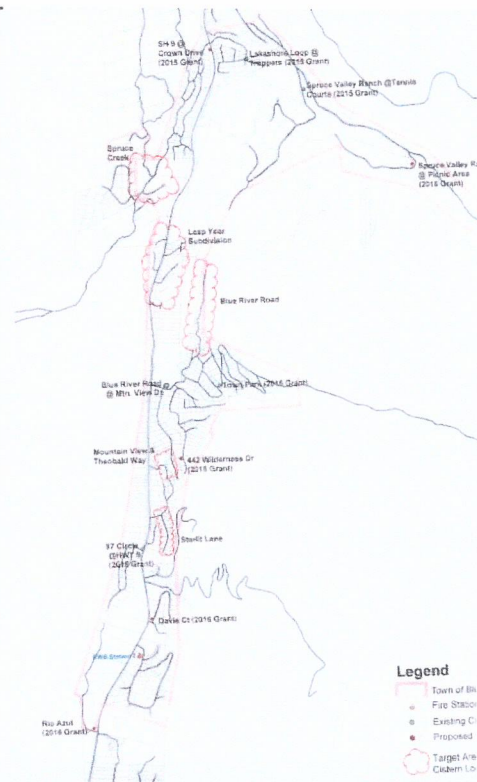
Cisterns 2016 & Future

Over the last two years, the Town of Blue River has been very active in the installation of cisterns throughout the town. Fire protection is a top priority in both Summit County and the Town of Blue River. In fall 2014, the

Town of Blue River partnered with the Red
This is an ongoing project that the Town Board of
Trustees are committed to funding each year. The Board
of Trustees is looking to the residents in seeking land
easements for placement of the cisterns. Areas of focus
are Mountain View, Starlit, Blue Rock Springs, Leap
Year, Blue River Estates, Upper Spruce Creek Road,
Golden Nugget.

We are still in search of a couple of locations for 2016
and are prepping for 2017.

If you are interested in providing an easement, please
contact Michelle Eddy, Town Administrator for more
information 970-547-0545.



Ride the Stage!

Safety Suggestions for Blue River bus riders!
Please arrive at your bus stop a couple minutes early and wait as close to the bus stop sign as possible. Rushing to a bus stop along a busy highway can be dangerous (and you might miss the bus!)

Several bus stops require the bus to block an intersection while boarding riders. We hope to minimize the interruption of traffic, so please be ready to board when the bus arrives. This will shorten the time the bus blocks the intersection.

If you are a motorist who is blocked by a bus stopped at an intersection, please be patient and the bus will move out of the intersection as soon as it is safe to do so. Please **DO NOT CROSS THE HIGHWAY** to board or exit the bus. Use the nearest bus stop on your side of the highway.

For example, if you are headed to Breck and your stop is at 97 Circle, please board the southbound bus there. Ride the bus to the Quandary turn-around where the bus reverses direction. It will then head northbound to Breck. It will only take a few more minutes, but it is much safer than trying to cross a busy highway!
Thanks for helping us maintain our excellent safety record!

We look forward to serving you on this new bus route.

The Summit Stage Bus Service has been a great success. Thank you to all who have ridden the bus and helped to

keep it going. Please share bus information with friends, families and visitors in Blue River. If you own a rental home, please provide information on this great service.

Above is a map of the bus stops and times as well as a list of safety tips from Summit Stage. Schedules are available at Town Hall or may be downloaded at www.summitstage.com or on the Town website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.

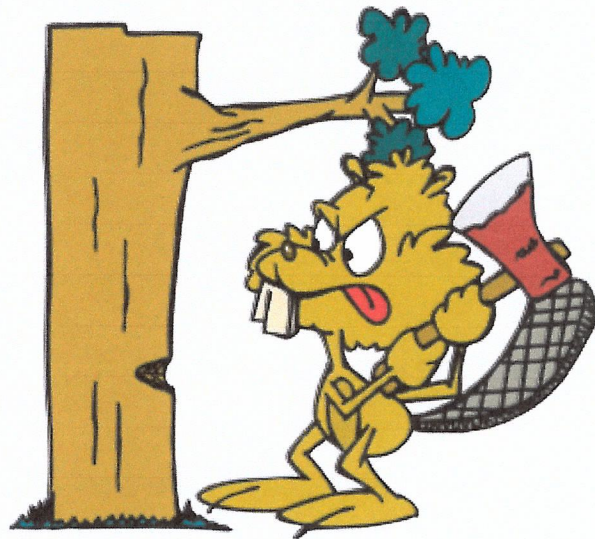
PARKING!! Please note that there is limited parking along Whispering Pines Circle ONLY. This is parallel parking only and is limited in space, off of the main road. Parking is restricted to this area and there is no overnight parking available. Signs indicate area available.

Whether you ride the Stage or not, take time to fill out this online survey and help keep and improve the bus service to Blue River.

<http://surveymonkey.com/r/SummitStage>



The Red, White and Blue Fire District received a grant to assist in making sure all homes have 911 addresses. The house numbers are vital to assisting fire and emergency personnel in locating your home in an emergency. Red, White and Blue Fire District provides FREE reflective address signs to residents of Blue River. To have a firefighter come install numbers at your home, please email: mitigation@rwbfire.org.



Tree Cutting

The Town of Blue River encourages residents to take advantage of the Defensible Space Program and help identify way to protect property in the Town. Section 7-5-110 of the Town Code addresses the Town's Forest Management Code. The purpose is to preserve the rural mountain character of the Town by minimizing the removal of live trees while protecting the life and property of the residents of the Town by establishing minimum wildfire mitigation standards. The provisions are intended to aid in the prevention and suppression of

fires and to lessen the hazards to structures from wildfires as well as the hazards to wild land from structure fires. A permit is required to remove trees from your property. Applications are available on the Town's website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.

Recreational Fires (Campfires)

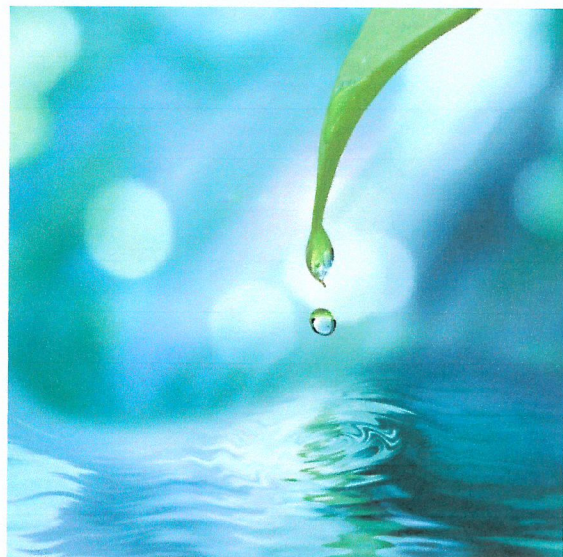
The following type of recreational fire is allowed at all times regardless of the burn index: (Exception: If the Governor or Town issues a burn ban or if a Red Flag Warning is issued by the State or Federal Forest Service). 1. Any recreational fire three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height, which has been permitted through the Fire District. 1.1 Limited to property owner. 1.2 Fire must be in a campfire ring and used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purpose. 1.3 The fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition. 1.4 The fire shall be constantly attended by a competent adult, until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment, such as a fire extinguisher or a garden hose connected to a water supply, shall be readily available for use. To obtain a fire permit and more information, contact the Red, White and Blue Fire District at 970-453-2474.

Water Permits/Augmentation-Leann Brandt Vidler Water

Are you out of compliance with your State of Colorado Division of Water Resources well permit?

A number of wells in the area may be permitted for "Household Use Only," if you have one of these permits you may want to expand the use of your well for a hot tub, irrigation and/or accessory dwelling.

Vidler Water Company may be able to help you with these water needs. The Town of Blue River is within the



boundaries of our augmentation area and if you qualify under the plan, **we are ready to assist you** .

We provide the following:

1. Assistance with all necessary paperwork for submittal to the State of Colorado Division of Water Resources for the new well permit.
2. Requires *No* approval through the Board of County Commissioners.
3. This is *not* a perpetual use agreement; this is a *purchase* and the water rights are *deeded to the purchaser* and can be transferred to a subsequent home owner.

There is no limit on the amount of irrigation water that can be purchased. Purchaser is limited only by their county land use codes and existing county zoning. High quality customer service is extremely important to us.


Please contact Vidler for current costs . LeAnn Brandt, Water Rights Specialist, is happy to answer your questions or assist with your water needs.

Please visit our web site www.vidlerwater.com , or e-mail LeAnn at leann@vidlerwater.com . Contact me at 775-885-5000 ext. 106.

State of Colorado Dept of Natural Resources Division of Water Resources

A number of the wells in your area are permitted for "Ordinary Household Purposes" inside one single-family dwelling. A well that is permitted for Ordinary Household Purposes inside one single-family dwelling is limited to use inside one residence and cannot be used to provide water for landscape irrigation, secondary or accessory dwellings, water features, outdoor hot tubs or swimming pools.

If you desire to use your well for uses not allowed under your current permit, please outline your schedule for obtaining a new well permit pursuant to an augmentation



DEFENSIBLE SPACE
Defensible space is an area around a home where trees, shrubs and other vegetation are cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire toward the building. Defensible space creates a safe zone for firefighters to carry out their work, and it reduces the chance that a structure fire will spread to the surrounding forest. Every home in Summit County should have defensible space.

To schedule a free defensible space assessment of your property, call:
Lakeland Fire (970-262-5209),
Red Bluff & Blue Fire (970-452-2474) or
Copper Mountain Fire (970-968-2300).

FREE Summit County **CHIPPING PROGRAM**
Protect Your Home from Wildfire



Summit County government is helping residents and property owners **create defensible space** by providing free chipping and disposal for branches, logs and small trees. If you clear woody vegetation from around your home and stack it in a slash pile, we'll chip it and haul it away at no cost.

MATERIALS GUIDELINES
Accepted materials include trees, logs and branches up to 9 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire. The following restrictions apply:

- No stumps, logs or snags.
- No construction or building materials.
- No treated lumber, fence posts or signs.
- No mud, wash, slumps, dirt or rocks.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds or bags of leaves.

PILE GUIDELINES
Piles must be stacked by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your neighborhood's designated chipping week (see map for schedule).

- Stack piles neatly (no bags), with large ends facing the road.
- Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road or in drainage ditches.
- Maximum pile size is 5'x5'x5'. There is no limit on the number of piles you may put out.
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.
- If you would like to keep your chips, be a piece of red yarn or flagging in a prominent spot on the pile.

Summer 2016 For more information call 970-685-4138 or visit SummitCountyCO.gov/chipping

CHIPPING PROGRAM
Service Area Map and Schedule

CENTRAL AND NORTHERN SUMMIT COUNTY

Week 1 June 27 - July 1
Week 2 July 2 - 6
Week 3 July 7 - 11
Week 4 July 12 - 16
Week 5 July 17 - 21
Week 6 July 22 - 26
Week 7 July 27 - 31
Week 8 August 1 - 5
Week 9 August 6 - 10
Week 10 August 11 - 15
Week 11 August 16 - 20
Week 12 August 21 - 25
Week 13 August 26 - 30
Week 14 September 1 - 5
Week 15 September 6 - 10
Week 16 September 11 - 15
Week 17 September 16 - 20
Week 18 September 21 - 25
Week 19 September 26 - 30
Week 20 October 1 - 5
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plan.

For your convenience, the following entities have obtained court approved augmentation plans that are capable of serving portions of Summit County. These entities have augmentation water available for lease and/or sale and pursuant to the terms of the contract your well can be included in these existing augmentation plans. You may also pursue an individual or group augmentation plan through Water Court.

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<http://www.vidlerwater.com/summit-county-co.html>

Your well may be a non-exempt permit, which is usually designated by a number followed by the suffix "-F" or "-F-R", such as 65456-F, or 65456-F-R, or an exempt well, which may have no suffix or a "-A", such as 156235 or 156235-A. If your well is a nonexempt well, it is likely that the permitted uses are currently covered by a plan for augmentation and additional augmentation is required for only un-permitted uses. However, if your well is exempt, augmentation is required for both the permitted and unpermitted uses, since the statutes that allowed for the permitted use of your well no longer apply when the use is expanded. In either case, a new permit is required to allow for the additional uses.

The expanded use of ground water causes injury to other water rights by reducing the amount of water available to the stream system. In order to prevent this injury, you must add water to the stream system. This may be accomplished through a plan for augmentation.

The following basics of Water Administration will help in explaining what a Plan for Augmentation is and what it does. As someone contemplating providing water for additional uses, you are a new water user. Your water right will be "junior" (or have less priority) to certain other water rights, which have priority over your use (see Prior Appropriation System). The priority protects these water rights, which are therefore "senior" (or earlier in time) to your water right. When a shortage occurs, senior water rights may place a call for water, which may result in junior water rights being ordered to stop some or all

water use so the seniors can receive their water. Simply put, an augmentation plan is a method to allow you to use your well (the junior water right), when a call has been placed, without reducing water available to senior water rights.

You may be wondering how it is possible for wells to affect other water rights. To answer this question, we need to look at how ground water and surface water interact. Water experts have known for some time that ground water and surface water are usually hydrologically connected. The connection is through small openings between grains of sand, gravel, and even in some rocks, that allow water to move through the ground to and from streams. This is most evident in springs where water can be seen seeping or flowing from the sides of hills or road cuts. The result of this connection is that pumping a well will eventually cause some reduction in the amount of water in nearby streams. This reduction in streamflow can affect the amount of water available to water rights on that stream and the remainder of the stream system.

For an example of a Plan for Augmentation, let's assume that you want wells in a proposed subdivision where there are senior water rights on a nearby stream. A Plan for Augmentation must be designed to put water in the stream to prevent reductions in streamflow, caused by pumping your well, from affecting senior water rights. This allows the junior water right to keep pumping water if a "call" is placed by a senior water right.

To obtain approval of a Plan for augmentation you must make an application (which is often prepared by an attorney) to the water court. The application must explain exactly where the water will be obtained, where water is to be used, what it will be used for, how much water will be used, what the source of augmentation water is, when and where augmentation water will be required, how much augmentation water is required, and how the Plan for augmentation will be operated. The application should be supported by an engineering analysis, usually prepared by a water resources engineer, which shows how the water needs of the project were determined and how the new water use can occur without affecting senior water rights.

You may contact Summit County or Vidler Water Company to see if you currently qualify to operate under their respective plans for augmentation. If you qualify, you may lease or purchase water as required by the plan operator, and apply for a new well permit as required by

the plan. If you do not qualify, you must either cease the expanded uses or file for approval of a plan for augmentation with the water court, and possibly for approval of a substitute water supply plan (SWSP) with the State Engineer's Office. An SWSP is a temporary mechanism to allow for continued operation of the well while awaiting approval of a Plan for Augmentation. The requirements for an SWSP are very similar to those for a Plan for Augmentation.

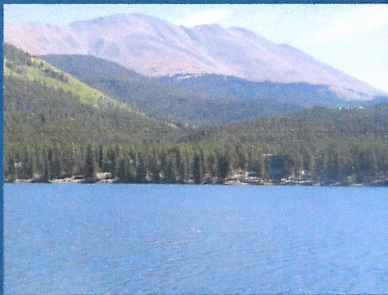
You may contact the Water Courts in Division 5 at 970-945-8109 or

<http://www.courts.state.co.us/supct/supctwaterctindex.htm> to obtain information regarding the filing of

applications with the court. Water attorneys may be found in the yellow pages under "Attorneys - Water".

Water resource engineers may be found under Engineers' Water Supply. Unfortunately, comprehensive information concerning sources and cost of augmentation water is not available. Water attorneys, engineers and division personnel may be able to provide some suggestions. Due to legal constraints, personnel from this office cannot act as your engineer or attorney. For further information please see Ground Water Well Permitting on our website at www.water.state.co.us

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